

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph after the title at page 1, line 2:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/CA2004/000086, filed January 22, 2004, now pending, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/441,964, filed January 23, 2003, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

In Applicant's co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. ~~09/909,746~~ co-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,776,831, there is disclosed a coating composition for use as a surface coating for polymer release films for use in high temperature and/or high humidity applications, which comprises a solution of at least one hydroxypropyl methylcellulose having hydroxypropyl molar substitution of from 0 to about 0.82.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

The coating composition described in Applicant's co-pending U.S. Application Serial No. ~~09/909,746~~ co-owned U.S. Patent No. 6,776,831 has been found to leave trace amounts on rubber which are visible to the human eye, when used as a release coating on polymer release films. While this can be considered an aesthetic problem only, it has been found to be a problem when double ply sheets are manufactured, since the transferred coating seems to prevent adhesion between the sheets.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Coated product of prior art (~~U.S. Application Serial No. 09/909,746~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,776,831)

- shows good release from Silicone rubbers (brown, red, grey), Neoprene, Viton, Nitrile and Butyl rubbers.
- does not release from tan and orange Silicone.
- extensive transfer of the coating onto the rubber in the case of Silicones (brown and red), Viton (black), Nitrile (Black and White), Neoprene (black), EPDM (black).
- extensive transfer in the case of white Nitrile sample hindering adhesion in double plying.